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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for  
Approval of Affiliated Interest Contract for Participation in  
A Borrowing Pool for Short-Term Indebtedness and for Long-Term  
Financing Through WPS Resources Corporation

6690-AU-105

In The Matter of Authority for Wisconsin Public Service  
Corporation to Obtain Through Participation in A Borrowing Pool  
Short-Term Indebtedness Not to Exceed \$70,000,000  
Principal Amount at Any Time

6690-SB-121

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPS) filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) on January 30, 1998, under ss. 196.52 and 196.795, Stats., for Commission approval of an affiliated interest arrangement between WPS and WPS Resources Corporation (WPSR). WPS is seeking approval from the Commission for short-term financing whereby WPS could borrow money from a pool of funds and loan money to the pool of funds administered by WPSR. WPS is also seeking approval to have the majority of the long-term debt and equity financings be performed by WPSR who would allocate such funding to the various public utility and non-utility affiliates. On May 20, 1998, WPS indicated that it no longer proposed joint issuance of equity securities or preferred stock.

The Commission, upon investigation and on its own motion, proposes to issue a certificate of authority rescinding the Certificate of Authority in docket 6690-SB-120 and authorizing short-term borrowing of up to \$70,000,000 at any time through the short-term borrowing pool.

This is a Type III action under s. PSC 4.10(3), Wis. Adm. Code. No unusual circumstances suggesting the likelihood of significant environmental consequences have come to the Commission's attention. Neither an environmental impact statement under s. 1.11, Stats., nor an environmental assessment is required.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Commission considers it necessary in order to carry out its duties to investigate the books, accounts, practices, and activities of WPS. The expenses incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such investigation will be assessed against and collected from WPS and WPSR in accordance with ss. 184.10(3), 196.84 and 196.85(1),

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Stats., and ss. PSC 5.05(2) and PSC 6.03, Wis. Adm. Code. Anyone objecting to the proposed issuance must file a request for hearing with the Commission within 10 days of this notice.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Lois Hubert, Electric Division, at (608) 267-2210.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

For the Commission:

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Administrator  
Electric Division

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